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SUBJECT: GARBA'S COMMENTS ON REACTIONS TO ANGOLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS
ON RHODESIA

1. IN THE COURSE OF A MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS GARBA AFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 7, I ASKED HIM WHAT RACTIONS
TO THE ANGOLO-AMERICAN INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA GENERAL
OBASANJO AND HE HAD ENCOUNTERED ON THEIR RECENT TRIP TO THE
FRONTLINE STATES, FROM WHICH THEY RETURNED TODAY.

2. GARBA NOTED FIRST THAT NIGERIA'S DECISION TO SUPPORT THE
ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAD REPRESENTED "A BIG STEP IN OUR
POLICY" HE SAID THAT THE PROPOSALS APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN WELL
RECEIVED AND WON MUCH SUPPORT IN TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. HE
SAID THE NIGERIANS HAD DISCOVERED "SOME PROBLEMS IN LUSAKA"
BUT THAT THEY HAD TALKED TO THE CABINET AND MEMBERS OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND HAD EVENTUALLY "SATISFIED THEM PRETTY WELL"
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REGARDING THE MERITS OF THE PROPOSALS. GARBA SAID THAT THE
NIGERIAN PARTY HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEE MUGABE BUT HAD FIRMLY
TOLD NKOMO THAT HE SHOULD ADOPT A REASONABLE STANCE REGARDING
THE PROPOSALS.

3. WHEN I ASKED GARBA WHETHER HE HAD ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OR
SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE TO US REGARDING WAYS IN WHICH TO MOVE THE

PROPOSALS AHEAD, HE SAID THAT HE WHOLE SUBJECT WOULD BE DISCUSSED
BY THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL TOMORROW AND THAT HE WOULD
THEN BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO TALK
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